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SUBJECT: REBEL TRIAL SET

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 24 REPORTS THAT TWO MILITARY STATE SECURITY COURTS WILL BE CONVENED NEXT WEEK, ONE IN OMDURMAN AND ONE IN KHARTOUM, TO TRY SOME TWO HUNDRED REBELS. CHARGES ARE BEING BROUGHT BOTH UNDER ARTICLE 96 OF SUDAN PENAL CODE AND UNDER VARIETY PROVISIONS OF STATE SECURITY ACT. DEFENSE IS BEING GIVEN RIGHT TO COUNSEL.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLE 96 PROVIDES DEATH PENALTY OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT, PLUS FORFEITURE OF ALL PROPERTY, FOR "WHOEVER WAGES WAR" AGAINST GOS (AND, AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED PRIOR TO 1956, AGAINST UK AND EGYPT). STATE SECURITY ACT INCLUDES AS CRIMINAL OFFENSE FIGHTING EXISTING REVOLUTIONARY REGIME IN SUDAN. WHILE PROCEDURES FOR TRIAL ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIMILAR THOSE SET UP FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER, 1975, ABORTIVE COUP, THIS JUDICIAL PROCESS IS LIKELY BE SHORT AND VERDICTS MORE SEVERE. IF RUMORS OF REBELS ALREADY EXECUTED AFTER CAPTURE ARE CORRECT, TWO HUNDRED NOW TO BE TRIED MAY BE ALL THAT IS LEFT OF INITIAL REBEL FORCE, BARRING SOME TEN PERCENT WHO ARE
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